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1. On 10 September 1952, "operational" courses for Bulgarian pilots and navigators started at various unidentified new Bulgarian airfields. Instruction is given by Soviet officers who come from Crimea and from the Soviet Air Force base at Nikolayev, in the Ukraine.
2. The courses given deal primarily with the topography of Yugoslavia. Both the interior and the frontier regions of that country are studied. Special attention is given to the Lastovo Island and to the Peljesac Peninsula, where Yugoslav submarine bases are located. The Soviet instructors train the Bulgarian air officers with plans for an offensive against the main Yugoslav airfields.
3. Bulgarian Air Force personnel taking these courses have been chosen with minute care, following checks which took several weeks. This work was done by the Politburo of the Army, working on lists previously prepared by the Militia.

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